

POWER HOUSE SUPERINTENDENT!

A line of practical engineering to begin in which your boy does not need any preparation besides being able to read and write—His first job will pay about \$1.50 a day—The various position and responsibilities that will be his on his way up to superintendent of power houses and substations that supply motive power to a great street railway system—A line of work in which there is always a good living for a good man.

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HERE is an occupation in which your boy—any ambitious boy—may work up to the highest grade of technical skill and authority without having had even the slightest preparation prior to getting his start. It is one of the numerous lines of employment that are offered by street railway companies throughout the land, and is open to any boy that wishes to begin at the bottom at a fairly good wage and have a certain and direct avenue of advancement straight up to a high position.

Maybe your boy has not cared to take up a job as motorman or street car conductor, which was elaborated upon in this series a few weeks ago, but still would like to get in some phase of railway work as represented by the street car interests. Well, if that is the case, and you have been unable to furnish him with a good education, and he has a mechanical turn of mind, he probably could not do better than to get into touch with one of the superintendents or foremen of power houses.

The job at their disposal, which is the subject of this article, leads to a line of practical electrical engineering, the basal power that enables street cars of the present day to be operated. The requirements are slight. Of course, the applicant must have had sufficient education to be able to read and write, as he must in practically all occupations; but further than this virtually nothing more is required than that he must be eighteen or twenty years old and of fairly good physique. Unusual shortness of stature is a handicap, as workmen have to do considerable reaching for levers.

The first pay your boy gets will be about \$1.50 a day. He probably will not be very enthusiastic over his work, as there will seem to be nothing technical in wiping off machinery, cleaning up things generally, and running errands for the foreman; but he must remember that he has to become acquainted with tools and equipment before he can understand them, and this will come sooner than he expects. If he is attentive and ambitious. Indeed, it will probably be only a few months before he will be given an advance to \$1.75 a day and sent out from the main power house to one of the substations in similar work.

The advantage of this move is that, on account of there being comparatively few employees, he will have a greater range of duties and responsibilities and thus advance more rapidly. He will have to clean the big generators, switchboards, and wiring apparatus, and thus the complex machinery will gradually become familiar to him.

Within a few months more he may be sent back to the power house as boss of the cleaners there, at about \$2 a day, or be set to operating a small auxiliary switchboard under close supervision, and after he has advanced sufficiently, go back to a substation as dynamo tender. It will require probably a year and a half more before he reaches this position; but then he will be paid from \$2.50 to \$2.75 a day, while he is getting there.

Then, in all likelihood, he will go back to the power house as dynamo tender, to prepare him more thoroughly for the important advance to switchboard operator at a substation, which is one of the most important lesser places in the business. These operators must stand their watch of a third of a day with extreme faithfulness, as on them directly rests the responsibility of correctly distributing the power through the lines connected with that station. If they permitted their attention to be diverted from their work for even a moment, some sudden powerful change in distribution of current might take place that would cause great damage. All this is shown on indicators above the switchboard, requiring almost a constant shifting of levers. The pay of switchboard operators at substations runs from \$3 to \$3.25 a day.

After demonstrating his earnestness and ability at the substation, your now skilled boy is again sent to the main power house to do similar, but more important, work, at a further advance of 25 cents in his daily wages. The power distributed to the various lines by the substations is first generated and sent out from the power house.

It will not be more than a year or two now before your ambitious son has risen to be among the best operators and generator men with the company. It is the policy of practically all street railway institutions to advance their own men to the most responsible positions, as each company has its own peculiar methods of wiring and operating, and it would take some time for outsiders, no matter how capable, to muster these details; so the superintendents keep careful watch of their workmen, taking every pains to assist them in developing their competency and promoting them as rapidly as they show fitness and a place higher up opens for them.

As it requires a long time for the majority of workmen to settle upon their permanent callings. It follows that there are frequent resignations, particularly in the lower positions. This, of course, works to the advantage of your boy, who has already decided that he is going to stick to his work. Therefore, almost before he can reasonably expect it, it is quite likely that he will be appointed to the important place of foreman of one of the smaller substations, at a salary of \$100 or so a month. In this position he is the absolute and direct boss of all employees at that station and is responsible directly to the superintendent for its maintenance and efficiency. He must know more than the dynamo tenders and switchboard operators, because he has to solve problems that puzzle them, as well as direct the repairing and overhauling of machinery, and can call upon the main office for such additional help as he may need.

A year or two at this, perhaps, after having served at the most important substations of the company, he will be gratified to learn that he has been promoted as assistant foreman in the power station, at \$125 a month. As assistant he will be the actual acting foreman at night or the duller period of the day, in charge of all workmen at the station, which may number as many as 40 or 50, and will be in command during the absence of the foreman.

Of course, after sufficient time has elapsed for him to get intimately acquainted with all the details of this position, he is the man for the foremanship as soon as there is a vacancy, and will get the place, at a further advance of at least \$25 a month. Some foremen, who have proved their special fitness, earn as much as \$200 a month. It will require generally from six to eight years from the beginning for a young man to rise to a power house foremanship, though in special instances it has occurred much sooner.

In ten to fifteen years from the beginning your boy may get his next jump up the ladder of success and be made electrical superintendent of power house and substations at a salary of \$2,500 to \$3,500 annually, when he will be superior to all foremen, including the important man in the power house, and will have such a wide range of activities as to make him one of the most important officials in the company. He may even be required to direct the entire motive power of the system, including the steam plants, and be superintends the enlargement, construction and repair of all stations.

From here on your son's career rests largely upon his own efforts. He has reached this superintendency in ten to fifteen years from the time he began as a humble wiper and roustabout, and is just beginning his prime. If he wishes to advance still higher, as he probably will, it is reasonably certain that he can reach a general superintendency or other high station in time.

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The Last Resource.
H. Chandler Egan, the golf champion said on the Wheaton links of a poor player:

"The other day he had a rather disabbling sort of a caddy. He approached the third hole fairly well, but couldn't hole the ball. After a half dozen wretched and unsuccessful putts, he turned to his sneering caddy, and said:

"Well, what am I to do, anyway?"

"Oh," said the caddy, "get down on yer knees and blow it in."

Love and Poetry.
While we are young and the rich life-blood courses freely through our veins—before the fires of ambition burn down—there is in all of us a love of poetry. When we grow older it appears to be a national tendency to renounce the gay for the severe; gray hairs have little use for dreams. —London T. P.'s Weekly.

Natural Inference.
He (reading)—The audience rose as a single man—
She—Dear me! It must have been a bachelors' convention.

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Mixing His Dates.
There is a story of a man who was so transported with joy as he stood up at the altar rail to be married, that his thoughts reverted to a day when he stood up at the prisoner's bar in a court of justice to plead "guilty" or "not guilty" to a criminal charge. So powerfully did that, the most painful event of his life, obtrude itself upon his mind, that when the clergyman put the question, "Wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife?" and so on, the poor distracted bridegroom answered with startling distinctness, "Not guilty, no help me God!"—From Tuckerman's "Personal Recollections."

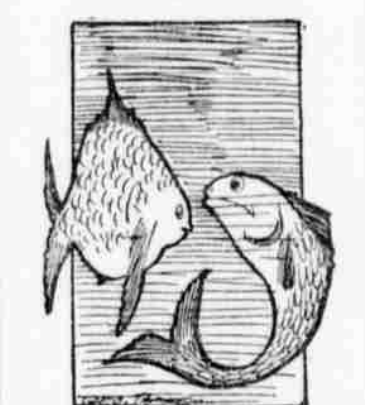
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HE SUCCEEDED.



Bluefish—So Shad thought he'd get into society by coming to the seashore, did he?

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BABY'S GIFT FROM HIS PAPA

Inheritance for Which Mother Did Not Seem to Be in Any Great Degree Thankful.

Richard Harding Davis, at a football game in Philadelphia, praised the voices of the young undergraduates shouting their weird college yells.

"It makes me think of a Locust street wife," said Mr. Davis, smiling. "She turned to her husband one night at dinner and remarked:

"My dear, the first time I saw you was at Franklin Field. Your head was thrown back, your mouth wide open and your face was very red—you were yelling your college yell."

"Yes, I remember," said the young man.

"And I noticed," she continued, "what a remarkable voice you had."

"Yes, you spoke of it at the time," said he. "But what makes you think of it now?"

"Oh, nothing," said the bride. "Only I wish the baby hadn't inherited it. That's all!"

ANOTHER BUMP FOR GENIUS.



The Amateur Poet—Whatever I do,

I do with my whole soul. His Wife (sadly)—I know you do, dear, but it would be such a help if you'd give it up and do things with your hands.

Kidding Worse Than Cutting.

Talk about making good with your friends, a New Orleans man told everybody he knew that he was going to Philadelphia for the dual purpose of seeing the world's baseball series and having a slight surgical operation performed. Reaching this city, he consulted a specialist, and was told that an operation was not necessary. "But, doctor," the New Orleans party urgently interposed, "it must be done."

"Why must it?" wonderingly queried the surgeon.

"Because," was the startling rejoinder of the Southern man, "I told all the boys at home that I was going to have an operation performed, and if I don't make good they'll kill the life out of me."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

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Not a Bad Chap After All.

Hawks—Oh, well, Jones isn't such a bad fellow, after all. Taylor—What makes you say that? "Well, he wouldn't lend me the \$10 I asked him for, but he didn't take advantage of the opportunity to give me good advice."

Curing Conceit.

"He used to have a good opinion of himself." "Hasn't he now?" "No; he ran for office recently, and wasn't even chosen when the votes were counted."—Detroit Free Press.

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UNCLE CALHOUN SPOKE OUT

Answer No Doubt Truthful, But by No Means What the Orator Desired.

Booker T. Washington, congratulated by a New York reporter on the success he has made of his life, said with a smile:

"I suppose I must be modest and declare that luck has had much to do with my progress, or otherwise I'll be in Senator Dash's shoes."

"Senator Dash of Tallapoosa prided himself on his rise from the bottom, for Senator Dash in his youth had worked with the colored men in the cotton fields."

"Boasting at a political meeting about his rise, the senator singled out Uncle Calhoun Webster among his audience and said:

"I see before me old Calhoun Webster, beside whom, in the broiling southern sun, I toiled day after day. Now, ladies and gentlemen, I appeal to Uncle Calhoun. Tell us all, uncle, was I, or was I not, a good man in the cotton field?"

"Yo' wuz a good man, senatah," the aged negro replied; "yo' wuz a good man, yo' a fack, but yo' sut'ny didn't work much."

All in Good Time.

Seven-year-old William had become the proud owner of a pet pig, and insisted upon having all the care of it himself. After a few weeks, as the pig did not seem to thrive, his father said to him:

"William, I'm afraid you are not feeding your pig enough. It does not seem to be fattening at all."

"I don't want him to fatten yet," William replied, knowingly. "I'm waiting until he gets to be as long as I want him, then I'll begin to widen him out."—Tit-Bits.

He Couldn't See.

Little Jack's father was the teacher of the Sunday school class of which Jack was a new member. He had been told that as this was his first Sunday he would not be asked any questions but he must pay close attention just the same.

So, on the way home his father asked him who it was who killed Goliath.

"I don't know, I was sitting on the back seat and couldn't see," was the ready answer.—From Norman E. Mack's National Monthly.

Youthful Wisdom.

Father—Why did my little boy send his papa a letter with only a capital T written on the page while he was away?

Little Son—Because I thought you'd go around among your friends with it and say: "My boy is only four years old, and just see the capital letter he writes!"—Judge.

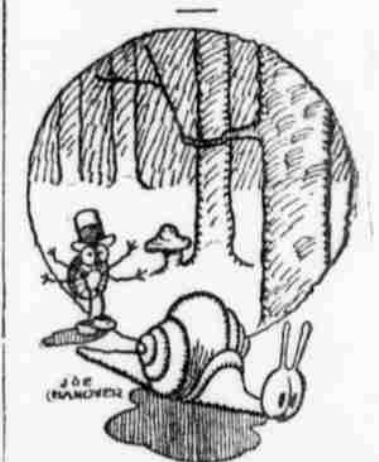
Every time a man is mistaken for a deer it counts one for the deer, who is very well satisfied.

HUMOR IN THESE VERDICTS

Quaint Ideas and Expressions Recorded as Having Been Rendered by Coroner's Juries.

Referring to a verdict recently given by a coroner's jury that death was "caused by the medical evidence," the British Medical Journal says: "This verdict may be added to those cited in the report of the select committee on death certification, where Doctor Ogle is quoted as saying, 'One verdict came before me a little time ago which was this: "A man died from stone in the kidney, which stone he swallowed when lying on a gravel path in a state of drunkenness." That was given as a verdict. I thought some joke had been played, and I wrote down about it, and found it was an absolute fact. Another one is like this: "Child three months old, found dead, but no evidence whether born alive." These novel judgments recall that an up-state newspaper not long ago spoke of taking a murdered man's "post-mortem" statement.

NO TIME TO LOSE.



Bug—Hey! Wait a minute, Mrs. Snail.

Mrs. Snail—I can't stop now; I am going to town to do some Christmas shopping, and it's November now!

Note From the Basswood Bugle.

Somebody took the rope off the bell in the fire engine house to use for a clothesline, and now, when there is a fire, the constable has to climb up into the tower and ring the bell with a hammer. Somebody took the hammer the other day and, when Hank Purdy's cornerbitch ketcher fire, the constable had to hurry down to Hilliker's store for to borrow a hammer. Hilliker had lent his hammer to Deacon Renfrew, who lives four miles out in the country, and by the time the constable had got there and hunted around in the barn for the hammer and got back to the engine house, the angry elements had done their worst and Hank's cornerbitch was a mass of smoldering ruins.—Judge's Library.

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